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SUBJ: AMERICAN LEGION DELEGATION VISIT

1. AMERICAN LEGION ADVISES DELEGATION OF TWO WILL VISIT PANAMA CITY APRIL 16-17, AT SUGGESTION EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER JOHN BLACKEN TO LEGION COMMANDER EATON. JOHN KANE, OF LEGION'S NATIONAL SECURITY-FOREIGN RELATIONS DIVISION, AND GILBERTO FONT, PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER AND CONSULTANT TO FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION, ARRIVE APRIL 15, STAYING AT EL CONTINENTAL HOTEL. FONT, ARCHITECT IN SANTRUCE, PUERTO RICO, SPEAKS EXCELLENT SPANISH.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO OBSERVE DEVELOPMENTS AND ATTITUDES LOCALLY AND BE BRIEFED AT EMBASSY APRIL 16. LEGION REQUESTS EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR DELEGATION TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PANAMA CANAL SITUATION WITH PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, APRIL 17. KANE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL TO FIND OUT WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

3. FYI, LEGION'S FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION RECEIVED BRIEFING AT DEPARTMENT MARCH 6, WHICH INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BOWDLER AND MOREY BELL ON PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.

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4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH NAME AND
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